

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 15, STANDARDS AND TRAINING
FOR LOCAL CORRECTIONS AND PROBATION OFFICERS, CALIFORNIA CODE OF
REGULATIONS, BY THE STATE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY

TITLE 15. CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 176, the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) hereby gives notice of the proposed regulatory action(s) described in this public notice. It is the intent of the CSA to amend and adopt the regulations contained in Title 15, Division 1, Subchapter 1, California Code of Regulations (known as the Standards and Training for Local Corrections and Probation Officers), after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding these regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING

The CSA will hold the following public hearings:

August 16, 2007

10:00 am

Corrections Standards Authority
660 Conference Room
660 Bercut Drive
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 12, 2007

2:00 pm

Orange County Probation Department
Training Room #3
1001 South Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Both locations are wheelchair accessible. At the hearings, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. The CSA requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing. The hearing will remain open only as long as persons in attendance are presenting testimony.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the CSA. The written comment period closes at **5:00 pm on July 23, 2007**. The CSA will consider only comments received at CSA offices by that time. Submit comments to:

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The California Penal Code Section 6035 authorizes the CSA to adopt and amend the proposed regulations, which would implement, interpret, or make specific Section 6035 of the Penal Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws

California Penal Code Section 6035 authorizes the CSA to establish standards for local corrections and probation officers.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Existing standards that prescribe requirements for local corrections and probation officers are promulgated by the Corrections Standards Authority. These regulations are contained in Title 15 – Crime Prevention and Corrections, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would update Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 CCR by increasing the minimum hours of instruction for juvenile corrections officers from 134 hours to 160 hours.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Policy Statement Overview

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain regulations for local corrections and probation officers to afford entry-level employees enhanced opportunities to master complex skills necessary for successful performance.

Section 176, Juvenile Counselor Core Course. The title was changed from Juvenile Counselor Core Course to Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Course to enhance clarity. This regulation specifies the requirement for the minimum hours of instruction in the Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Course. This revision requires an additional 26 hours of instruction in the Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Course.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The CSA has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630: None

Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None

Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or businesses: The CSA is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Adoption of these regulations will not:

- (1) create or eliminate jobs within California;
- (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or
- (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Small Business Determination:

The CSA has determined that the proposed regulations will have no effect on small businesses. These proposed regulations affect the operations and programs for local corrections.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the CSA must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

The CSA invites interested parties to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearings or during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

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Questions on the substance of the proposed regulations may be directed to Ms. Dhillon or Mr. Prince.

Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulation, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulation, if any, or other information upon which this rulemaking is based to Ms. Dhillon at the above contact information.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Initial Statement of Reasons and text of the proposed regulation, as well as the rulemaking file, which includes all the information on which this proposal is based, is available for viewing at the CSA's office at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

If the CSA makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the CSA adopts the regulations as revised.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be accessed through the CSA website at www.csa.ca.gov. Those persons who do not have access to the Internet may submit a written request to Sukie Dhillon at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS; INTERNET ACCESS

Copies of the Notice Of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulation in ~~strikeout~~ and underline can be accessed through our website at www.csa.ca.gov. Those persons who do not have access to the Internet may submit a written request to Sukie Dhillon at the above address.